

WHAT IS THE ISEE?

The ISEE (Independent Schools Entrance Exam) is an admissions test used by many private schools in North America. The ISEE provides a standard assessment of each applicant's skills as well as ranking of abilities and achievements compared to other applicants to the same grade. Park Tudor requires applicants to grades 4-10 to take the ISEE.

**Students applying to grades 10-11 can use PSAT scores in place of the ISEE.*

***If a student has taken ERB's in the past year, those scores can be used in place of the ISEE.*

ARE THE HSPT AND THE ISEE THE SAME?

The ISEE and the HSPT are not the same test. The ISEE is a common entrance exam used by many private/independent schools. The HSPT is a common entrance exam used by many Catholic high schools. The HSPT cannot be used in place of the ISEE.

ISEE LEVELS

ISEE Primary Level: Applicants to Grade 4

ISEE Lower Level: Applicants to Grade 5 and Grade 6

ISEE Middle Level: Applicants to Grade 7 and Grade 8

ISEE Upper Level: Applicants to Grades 9-12

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE ISEE?

The Primary Level contains two sections: Reading and Math.

The Lower, Middle and Upper Levels contain five sections: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics Achievement and an Essay. The first four sections are all multiple-choice questions.

SHOULD MY CHILD PREPARE FOR THE ISEE AND TAKE A TEST PREP COURSE?

At Park Tudor, we recommend that applicants do not spend a great deal of time preparing for the ISEE. We want the test scores to be indicative of a child's true academic abilities and not an indication of their test prep skills. We do recommend an applicant familiarize himself/herself with the format of each of the test sections and possibly complete a few practice questions for each section. *(Once you've registered for the ISEE, you will receive access to a free test prep guide.)*

INTERPRETING YOUR CHILD'S TEST RESULTS

When reviewing an applicant's test scores, our team focuses on the Stanine score for each subtest, which ranges from 1-9. Generally speaking, Stanines of 1-3 are below grade level, Stanines of 4-6 are on grade level, and Stanines of 7-9 are above grade level. Park Tudor does not require a specific score for each section; the ISEE results are one data point we use when considering a student's fit for Park Tudor.

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